

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2005 (U.S. Patent Office Paper No. 20050203). In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Status of the Claims

As outlined above, claims 3, 12 and 21 are being amended to correct formal errors, and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject invention. Applicant hereby submits that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this response.

Formal Objections or Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 3, 12 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. The Examiner pointed out language in the claims that he found to be misdescriptive. As outlined above, claims 3, 12 and 21 are being amended in accordance with the Examiner's requirements.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that he would allow claims 3, 12 and 21 if amended to overcome the formal rejection as noted above. Further, the Examiner allowed claims 2, 5-10 and 13-20.

Again as outlined above, claims 3, 12 and 21 are being amended in accordance with the Examiner's requirements. Applicants will submit that all the above-discussed claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of all the above, Applicant respectfully submits that certain clear and distinct differences as discussed exist between the present invention as now claimed and the prior art reference upon which the rejection in the Office Action relies. These differences are more than sufficient that the present invention as now claimed would not have been anticipated nor

rendered obvious given the prior art. Rather, the present invention as a whole is distinguishable, and thereby allowable over the prior art.

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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